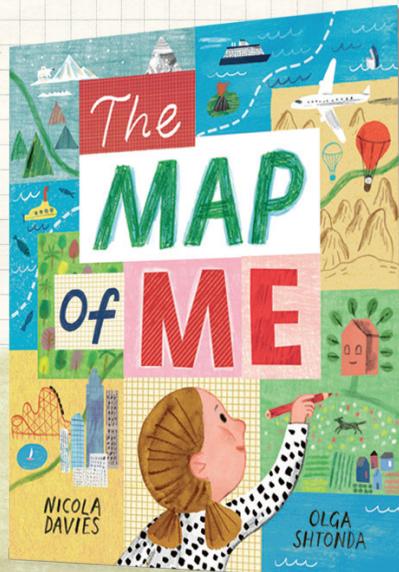


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## Talk for thought

### Talking points

What is a map?

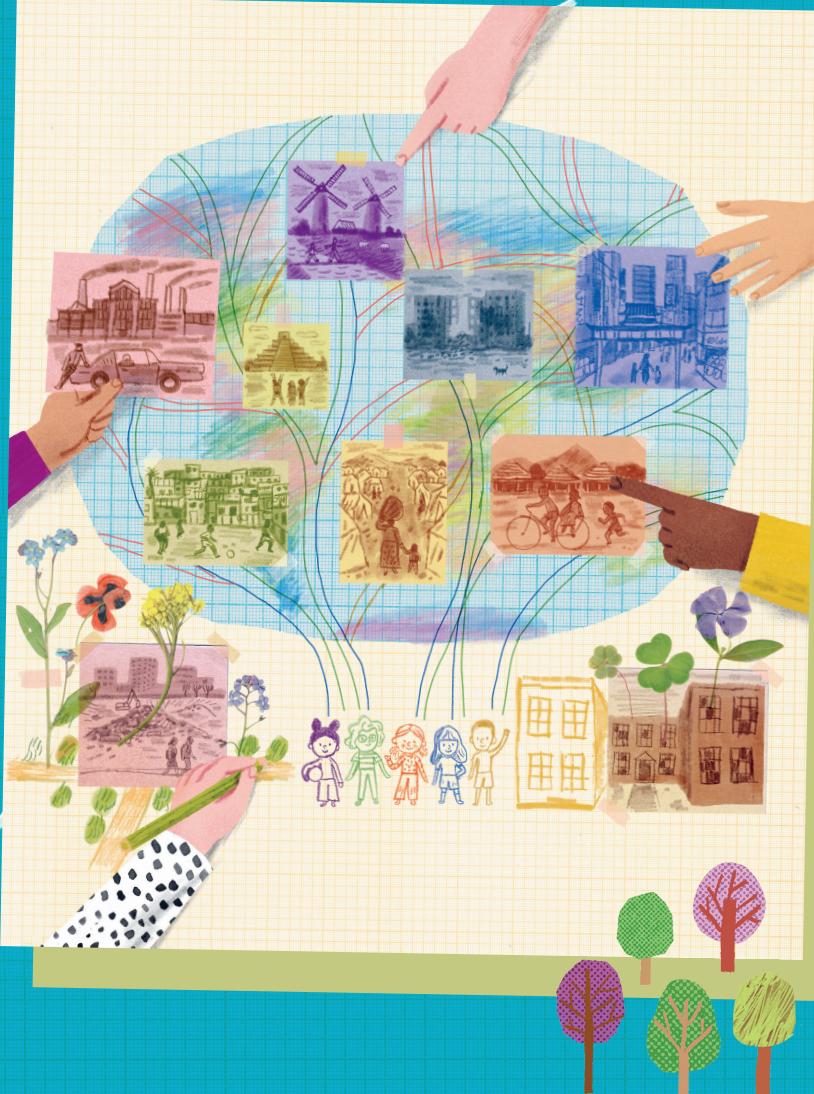
What is a map for?

What can a map show?

Are there different types of maps?

What are symbols or legends?

What do you think you can make maps from?

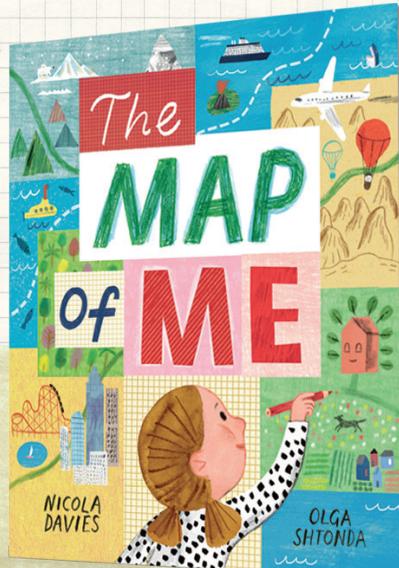


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## I knew my way ...



### Talking points

What things do you think  
are important for the girl?

How would you  
describe this  
neighbourhood?

What  
different  
buildings  
and places  
can you  
see?

What have you found out  
about her family so far?



### Challenge

- » Look at your neighbourhood on Google Earth. Can you pinpoint where you live?
- » Print off a copy or use the screen as a reference to draw your own map.
- » Show the places which are important to you.

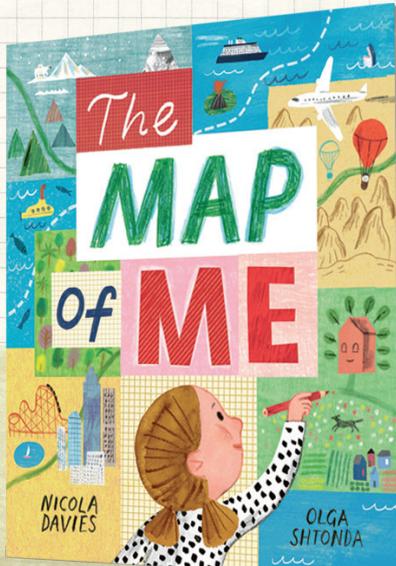


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## But after we moved ...

### Talking points

What has happened to the girl? Can you spot all the different places where she is shown on the map?

How do you think you would feel if you found yourself in these different places? Make a collection of words that would describe your feelings. You could use a thesaurus to find other words that might be useful to describe feelings.

What sort of different sounds do you think might be heard at the different locations where the girl is shown?

What sort of smells do you think might be in the air at the different locations?



Spot the differences between this illustration and the one on the previous page.



### Writing Challenge

» Think about a time when the world has 'seemed big and much too scary' or when you have been lost. Think about how your body felt and the things that went through your mind. What did you do? Maybe you moved home, or moved school, or moved to a different country. How did it make you feel?

» Collect a hoard of words that could help describe what happened and how you felt. Don't forget to use a thesaurus to find more examples, such as these:

apprehensive; anxious; uneasy; worried; nervous; fearful; hesitant; frightened; concerned; wary; cautious; watchful.

» Try using similes. Here are a couple of examples:

my head was like a hive full of angry bees  
my mouth was as dry as desert sand

» Write about your experience.

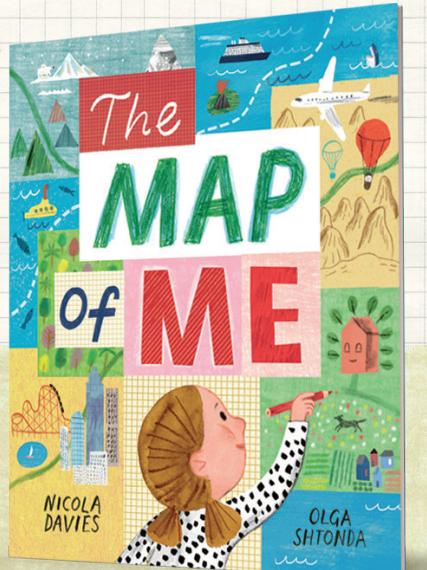


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## When my friends ...



### Talking points

How did the friends joining in with the map-making help the girl?

Are there any particular countries that you would like to visit? Why would you like to go there?

Can you make a guess about which different countries are shown on the map collection? What clues are there?

When does a house become a home?



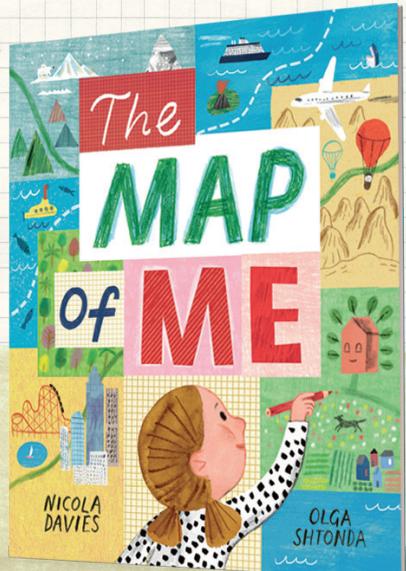
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## But two bad things ...

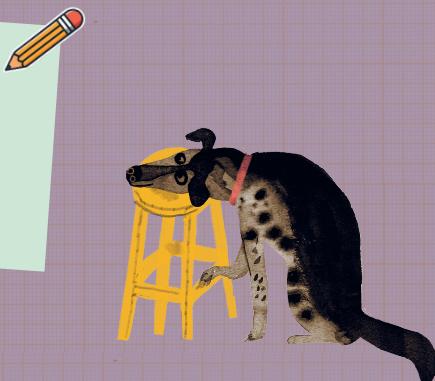
### Talking points

What do you notice about the illustrations on this page? Why do you think the illustrator chose to depict the girl in bed at night time?



### Quick Burst Writing Challenge

- » Sad things happen. Think of something that has upset you in the past.
- » Write about it – how it made you feel, how you acted and what you did to help yourself to cope.



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